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SUBJECT: DUTCH SERIOUS ABOUT UNSCR 1747 IMPLEMENTATION

REF:

- [1](#)A. STATE 40909
- [1](#)B. STATE 40440
- [1](#)C. STATE 37801
- [1](#)D. THE HAGUE 566

Classified By: Economic Counselor Karen Enstrom,
reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) Econoff shared on April 2 ref A nonpaper on the U.S. designation of Iran's Defense Industries Organization with Anne-Chris Visser, Senior Policy Advisor, Financial Integrity Division, Dutch Finance Ministry and Dutch Foreign Affairs officials Huib Mijnerands, Senior Policy Advisor responsible for sanction issues, and Joost van Ettro, Policy Advisor, both in the Terrorism and New Threats Unit, Political Affairs Department. On March 27, EconCouns discussed ref C points with Mijnerands, who said the GONL had welcomed the adoption of UNSCR 1747 as a clear signal of the international community's willingness to take serious actions regarding Iran. He was confident that EU implementation of UNSCR 1747 (and the formation of a common EU position and relevant implementing regulations) would move forward quickly given the work that had already been done on UNSCR 1737.

¶2. (S) In response to ref B, Dutch banks ING and ABN Amro emphasized in separate meetings on March 8 with Treasury Under Secretary Stuart Levey the limited nature of their business with Iran. Rijkman Groenink, Chairman of the Managing Board, told U/S Levey that ABN Amro was ceasing all business with Iran and would not process U-turn transactions for any Iranian bank. According to Carin Gorter, Senior Vice President for Compliance and Legal, ABN Amro had closed all but 16 Iran-related accounts, and these would be closed within a few months.

¶3. (C) ING's Deputy Chief Risk Officer, Koos Timmermans, told U/S Levey ING had blocked all accounts with Bank Sepah, and that ING had less than a basis point of business in Iran, no retail business, and no branch office in the country. The remaining business was based on contractual obligations with customers having global export operations. He said ING was not actively seeking Iran business and its compliance department was carefully monitoring the risks of such business, including reputational risk.

¶4. (U) See ref D for additional reporting on U/S/ Levey's meetings with GONL and ABN Amro and ING representatives.
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